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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Improved Pouch Service

1. The development of the attached study was apparently speeded up as a result of inquiry of the DCI at his Staff Meeting of 13 August. The Comptroller's review (Tab A) indicates that the proposal would cost an estimated \$50,388 for a six-months period. He also recommends that funds be made available to DD/P, Chief, FI, for administration through Registry.

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2. In discussing the matter with Mr. [REDACTED] we found that we both had reservations on the basis of the study as presently prepared. Many statements are not clear, for example, Paragraph 6 indicates that \$1,938.00 will provide three round trips a week to [REDACTED] with connections to [REDACTED], for pouches with the approximate weight of 44 pounds.

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3. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Comptroller's Office, believes that the amount of \$1,938 could be reduced by appropriate negotiations.

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4. At this time, it cannot be determined whether or not a saving to the Agency in terms of dollars can be realized. If the implementation of this proposal results in a substantial decrease in volume in cable traffic, it may be possible to effect a reduction in the number of cryptographers required to staff the Signal Center.

5. If the proposal was implemented and did not result in lower costs, it would have the effect of delaying up to 48 hours information which presently goes by cable. However, it would have the effect of relieving a considerable work load in the Signal Center.

6. If the desire is to reduce cable traffic, this proposal will accomplish that. If the desire is to reduce costs, there is no guarantee that this is the answer. I cannot recommend that you concur on the basis of this presentation, however, you may have additional background material which will clarify some of the questions which I have raised.

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